

GOLD, and commander of the USS *Pasadena* (SSN 752) and Submarine Development Squadron 12. As a flag officer he has served throughout the world, including in Iraq and Japan.

I am grateful to know Vice Admiral Van Buskirk personally while he served as the Navy's 56th Chief of Naval Personnel where he has been responsible for the planning and programming of all manpower, personnel, training, and education resources for the U.S. Navy. He astutely managed an annual operating budget of \$29 billion and has passionately led over 20,000 employees engaged in the recruiting, personnel management, training, and development of Navy personnel.

It is through the commitment and sacrifice of Americans like Vice Admiral Scott Van Buskirk that our nation is able to continue upon the path of democracy and strive for the betterment of mankind. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, as an appreciative fellow Naval Academy family, to thank him and his family for his honorable service to our Nation with the United States Navy. In the tradition of the sea services, of which my own family proudly plays a part, I wish him fair winds and following seas as he concludes a distinguished career of service to our Nation and Navy.

HONORING CARL BENNETT, A  
FOUNDING FATHER OF MODERN  
PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL  
AND THE NATIONAL BASKET-  
BALL ASSOCIATION

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carl Bennett. I was honored to know Carl for over two decades and mourn his passing. He passed away on May 15, 2013, at the age of 97½, but his legacy will continue to inspire basketball coaches, players, and fans for generations to come.

Carl Bennett was born in Rockford, Indiana, in 1915. He began his illustrious career first by playing for Fred Zollner's Pistons softball team and later served as the head coach and general manager of the Fort Wayne Pistons professional basketball team, also owned by Zollner. Under his leadership, the Pistons were invited to leave the National Basketball League and become part of the Basketball Association of America. This meeting in Carl's Fort Wayne home led to the merger of the two leagues and, ultimately, to the modern National Basketball Association. As a result of his involvement, Carl served on the NBA's executive committee and is considered one of the founding fathers of professional basketball.

Carl's influence led to many changes in the way basketball, Indiana's favorite game, is played. He encouraged Zollner to buy a team plane, a first for a sports franchise, and his coaching of the Pistons in a 1950 win over the Minneapolis Lakers led to the introduction of the 24-second shot clock. This major change resulted in a dramatic increase in average game scores. One of Carl's foremost contributions to the game was widening the lane from six feet to twelve feet, a change that is still in effect today. He also successfully campaigned for Fred Zollner's enshrinement in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Carl Bennett was a man of vision and determination. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife, Mrs. Carol Popp Bennett, his children Kirk and Gary Bennett, Sandra Dodane, Catherine Popp Hoffman, their spouses, his sister Bertha Bennett Christie, his eleven grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. His loving touch will be missed by everyone who knew him, and he will be always remembered for transforming so many lives through the wonderful sport of basketball.

HONORING LILLIAN BERKOWITZ

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lillian Berkowitz, who is celebrating her 104th birthday on July 23rd, 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to her an extraordinary happy birthday and congratulations on this very special milestone.

Lillian is a passionate dancer who began her career as a beautiful stage actress and performer on Vaudeville and Broadway. She debuted at the age of 10 as an acrobatic dancer and later attended a special school for actors that allowed her to further develop her skills. After graduating high school, Lillian went straight to the Broadway stage where she starred in many famous productions featuring big names such as Milton Berle, Jack Benny and Bob Hope, to name a few. She met her late husband Maurice Berkowitz through one of her shows in the Catskills and was married some years later. She and Maurice shared many happy years together, and were blessed with two sons, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

A staunch advocate of exercise throughout her life, Lillian possesses the aerobic finesse of someone half her age. A strict exercise routine consisting of 45 minutes of walking, several resistance exercises and a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables are the secret to her longevity. In the meantime, Lillian remains passionately involved with her first love, dancing.

I join with Lillian's family and friends in wishing her continued love, happiness, and well-being for many years to come. Again, congratulations!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on July 22, 2013 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 375: "yes"; rollcall No. 376: "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF MR. FRANK PUMILIA

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Frank Pumilia for his lifetime of community involvement and dedication to South Florida.

Frank grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where he was an active member of many community organizations. In 1989, he relocated to Broward County, Florida, and for more than 20 years has been politically and civically involved in his local community. He has served as Chairman and Chief Examiner of the Margate Civil Service Board, as a member of the Foundation of Broward, and also as a member of the Florida Business and Professional Board.

Currently, Frank serves as the President of the Margate Democratic Club and as a board member of the Broward County Democratic Executive Committee. During his time as President, he has counseled and encouraged many of South Florida's political candidates and leaders. At the age of 92, Frank continues his role as Senior Political Advisor within the Broward County Democratic Party.

Frank has also been an important leader in addressing condominium issues in his local community. He has served as President of the Margate Association of Condominiums for many years. In this capacity, he works to help those facing foreclosure and to advance the rights of condominium owners.

It is my true honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Frank Pumilia for his continued community leadership and activism. I offer him my best wishes for continued good health and success in the years to come.

HONORING LARRY J. WILSON

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Wilson of Fairmount, Indiana. He passed away on June 13, 2013, at the age of 66. Larry was an outstanding civil servant who served both Grant County and his country with integrity.

Larry Wilson began his service to our great nation in the United States Air Force, where he served as a Senior Master Sergeant for 26 years and bravely defended his country in Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force, Larry began a second career as a detective for the Grant County Sheriff's Department, a post he held for 20 years before retiring in 1999. During his time with the Sheriff's Department, he was recognized with the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award in 1981.

However, his retirement did not mark the end of his service to our community, and he continued on to serve as a Grant County Commissioner, a Grant County Council Member and the Grant County Veteran's Affairs Service Officer. Larry worked tirelessly for the veterans of Grant County, helping them to receive the benefits and recognition they deserved. It was his work helping our nation's